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Thank you for taking the time to read this email. As a professional computer user, and avid reader of the industry rags since 1984, with extensive experience with both Wintel and Mac computers, I feel compelled to let my thoughts be known regarding the Microsoft settlement.

I had noticed since 1991 that Microsoft was strong-arming OEM's and competitors. I remember then wondering why the government was letting this happen. Microsoft had a choke-hold on technology and I was beginning to resent their hold because I noticed that the capabilities of my Mac were always introduced by Apple first and then copied (and not as well, I might add) by Microsoft. It made me mad that people that only used Windows would get technologies years after I had received them from Apple yet they thought Microsoft invented them. I knew this would slow the rate of innovation in the industry; affecting me, the consumer from being able to use technology that was being stifled by Microsoft.

I heard someone say that racketeering charges should be brought against Microsoft. I agree with that. But, as for the current settlement, please do all you can to have the original remedy reinstated; breakup Microsoft. They need their OS company broken into two or three pieces so that their goal of forcing their activation scheme, .NET, PassPort, Hailstorm, is not forced on customers that want windows but don't want to sell out their freedom.

One of most embarrassing days of being an American was when Bill Gates was asked by the Republican leadership why he wasn't donating more money to them. Here was a congressman, who is supposed to uphold the law, putting out his hand to a convicted monopolist and asking for it to be greased! Unbelievable.

Microsoft tried to kill the anti-trust division; they didn't succeed but they found another way to win, by making a back room deal with Charles James, who is a disgrace. Please fight this settlement with all you have for people like me that know the truth and know that Microsoft must, must, must be stopped and punished. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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